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For : DNA ENCODING A HUMAN MELANIN CONCENTRATING HORMONE (MCH1) AND USES THEREOF

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This Communication is filed to request the issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt in connection with the above-identified application. Upon receipt of the official Filing Receipt for the subject application, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, applicants' undersigned attorney noticed an error. Specifically, the domestic priority data is incorrectly listed.

A corrected Filing Receipt should have nothing listed under Domestic Priority data.

Applicants contend that the correct data may be found in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on May 10, 2002 in connection with the subject application. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Accordingly, applicants request that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued.

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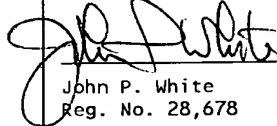
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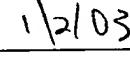
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

THIS APPLICATION IS A CIP OF 09/610,635 07/05/2000
WHICH IS A CIP OF PCT/US99/31169 12/30/1999
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Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 09/19/2001

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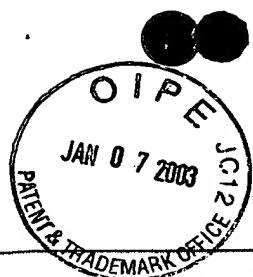
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Title

DNA encoding a human melanin concentrating hormone receptor (MCH1) and uses thereof

Preliminary Class
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DNA ENCODING A HUMAN MELANIN CONCENTRATING HORMONE RECEPTOR (MCH1)
AND USES THEREOF

the specification of which:
(check one)

is attached hereto.

was filed on July 5, 2001 as

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and was amended July 5, 2001; December 20, 2001; and
concurrently herewith (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the earliest application from which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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Declaration and Power of Attorney:

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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N/A		

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s), or Section 363(c) of any PCT International Application(s) designating the United States listed below. Insofar as this application discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in any such prior Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, which became available between the filing date(s) of such prior Application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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and each of them, all c/o Cooper & Dunham LLP, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, my attorneys, each with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file any International Applications which are based thereon under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.



Declaration and Power of Attorney

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Domestic Continuity and Foreign Priority

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- The priority or continuity claim has not been entered because it was not filed during the required time period. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. See 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.
- Continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an Application Data Sheet or amendment to the first page of the specification.
- A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim.
- Domestic benefit and foreign priority claims will not be captured in a provisional application.
- A provisional application is not entitled to a right of priority or to the benefit of an earlier filing date of any other application. See 35 U.S.C. § 111(b)(7) and 37 CFR 1.53(c)(4).
- A domestic continuity claim cannot be made to a foreign application and the filing receipt will only list the foreign country, application number, and filing date.
- Foreign priority will appear on the Filing Receipt in the following order:
 - Country, Application number, Filing date.
- This application is the result of a conversion from a provisional application. Priority based on such application cannot be made since it no longer exists as a provisional application.
- The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as domestic or

foreign priority.

To change the benefit claim of a U.S. prior-filed application, applicant must amend the first sentence of the specification (if the benefit claim is referenced in the specification), or provide a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the benefit claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired benefit claim. Note that once a benefit claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such prior-filed application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.

To change a foreign priority claim, applicant must submit a supplemental oath or declaration (if the priority claim is referenced in the oath or declaration), or a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the priority claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired priority claim. If a supplemental ADS is submitted, any deletions should be shown with strikeouts. Note that once a priority claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such foreign application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.

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